pleased to give His gracious assent to the following Bills passed by the Council:—

(1) The Cochin Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill.
(2) The Cochin Hindu Law of Inheritance (Amendment) Bill.
(3) The Cochin Motor Vehicles Bill.

I may also announce that His Highness has been pleased to withhold His assent to the Cochin Tenancy Act (Amendment) Bill passed by the Council.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

1. Rs. 5,000 under "24—Public Health—B. Vaccination—Cost of lymph"

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 5,000 under "24—Public Health—(B) Vaccination cost of lymph".

Small-pox, though abated in certain parts of the State, still persists in rural areas. Vigorous measures have been taken to stamp out this epidemic. The whole State is being watched and necessary measures are promptly taken. This involves additional expenditure owing to the cost of lymph and also due to the additional hands to be employed. I am sure the House will readily grant this amount.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, what is the condition of the epidemic in Mattancheri at present?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is very much under control—practically nil.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* According to the last census, the population in Mattancheri is 39,000. According to the statistics, already 41,000 people have been vaccinated in Mattancheri. Under this the floating population would have also been included. That can be understood. I would like to know how many persons have been vaccinated as a result of house-to-house vaccination that has been ordered.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* What is it that my friend wants to know?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In Mattancheri there is still small-pox. The number of people already vaccinated is 41,000. The population there is only 39,000. What I wish to know is what is the number of people living in Mattancheri who have been vaccinated.

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is difficult to answer. As a matter of fact, everybody is vaccinated. Vaccination is compulsory in the State. It is quite possible that some of the people living in Cochin might have escaped themselves from being vaccinated. Government have only limited right to enter into the houses of private persons especially in houses where *purdha* system is followed. It is therefore quite possible that there might be certain cases which have not come to the notice of the vaccinators.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I am asking the House statistics regarding the house-to-house vaccination. There must be some record to show the number of persons examined in particular houses.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We do not keep separate figures to show that so many persons were vaccinated from such and such houses.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In the register, you enter all the particulars, as to the house, the number of members, etc., when the people there are vaccinated. You can find out the figures from that.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think no separate statistics are maintained with regard to vaccination.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It is necessary to do it, because we want to know the number of persons living in Mattancheri who have been vaccinated.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am told by the Chief Medical Officer that it is being done.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know from the Hon'ble Minister whether there are places in Ernakulam, Trichur and Mattancheri where anybody can go at any reasonable time and get himself vaccinated?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not know what is meant by reasonable time. From morning till evening they will only be too happy to do this.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know which are the places?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The Municipal Offices, and the hospitals. Any other convenient places you suggest shall also be taken into consideration.

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Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to put up boards showing that vaccination will be given between such and such time in those places where vaccination will be available? I saw one such board on my way from Trichur to Vaniampara.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We will consider that.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* My information is that there are so many houses in Mattancheri where the inmates have been left without being vaccinated. The Hon'ble Minister will note this. They have no objection now, since Government have already appointed lady vaccinators. The *purdha* system will not object to this being done.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The first difficulty came from your own house *(Laughter)*. And I ordered prosecution of both Mr. Popatlal and yourself.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* We have already been vaccinated.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is later on. *(Laughter)*. If you, educated men, do not co-operate with us, it will be very difficult to carry on this work. *(Laughter)*

Demand put and carried

2. Rs. 7,000 under "24—Public Health—A. 3—Rural Sanitation"

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 7,000 under "24—Public Health (A) 3—Rural Sanitation—Supplies and Services—Charges for Prevention of Epidemics." The reasons for the demand have been given in the notes prepared for the Standing Finance Committee and circulated among the members here.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In this matter, I have to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Public Health that no Public Health work worth the name can remain, if the people are not getting good water for drinking purposes. Sir, you will bear with me, when I tell you that in Mattancheri deaths have taken place at the water tap. Deaths! People have been killed at the taps out of quarrels among the people who come to get a pot of water!

Mr. President: Order, Order. This is not a general discussion on public funds. This is a supplementary grant only for small-pox preventive measures.

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